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Citizens and Commissioners.

On next Monday evening the board room wherein the District Commissioners sit in solemn state will resound with oratory. It is proposed to have the representatives of the citizens' associations appear before the Commissioners and set forth the needs of their various sections. It will be an opportunity for the display of Lancasterian eloquence and Hendersonian argument. We can already anticipate the fervent appeals which will be uttered in behalf of additional suburban sewers in the neighborhood of Brightwood, for better streets in Petworth for increased police protection in Brookland, and for improved roadways in the southeast. From the classic precincts of Georgetown will come a plea for a park, and even Tennallytown will not be silent

We congratulate the Commissioners upon their desire to become acquainted with the city's needs. Under the unique government of the District, the citizen has no opportunity to make suggestion or point the way to much-desired local pression as may be made upon the Comvote an evening to acquainting themselves with conditions as they appear to to her fellow-members. the residents and taxpavers of various localities. It is true that even after the Commissioners learn the desires of the citizens' representatives, they cannot always accomplish results. The gantlet of Congressional legislation must be run and this is not always easy. At the same time, the Commissioners are much better able to present the needs of the District fore them, and it is quite certain that they will be diligent in their efforts to secure affirmative action.

More Postal Reform.

On yesterday we submitted some more or less illuminating remarks anent the reform of the rural mail carrier as at present contemplated by "Uncle Sam's" wide-awake and progressive Post-office Department. We attempted to evidence an appreciation of the courage and foresight incident to this timely undertaking. Generally speaking, we are strong for reform; specifically referring to the rural mail carriers, we are rampant for it!

If we left the impression, however, that the rehabilitation of the rural end of our postal affairs is the only thing by way of reform at present engaging the atten- at a price he can afford. tion of Mr. Hitchcock et al., we certainly did not intend to. Other weighty and farreaching innovations are to be exploited. In witness whereof, consider: Stamp sellers hereafter must hand out their wares to customers sticky side up-meaning the sticky side of the stamps, of course. Not that it matters materially, perhaps, but that we must be careful as we proceed to the discussion of reform in the Post-office Department. It is well enough always to differentiate sticker from stickee, anyway. But, as the French say, "Let us return to our mutton"-which in this case has to do with germs, and not meat boycotts, as you may have imagined.

Germs, did we say? Oh, yes; germs! You see, "Uncle Sam," via Mr. Hitchcock, is mightily afraid we may form entangling alliances with the germs that occasionally most do congregate on the stamp sellers' hands. The germs are contented enough there, it appears, until an opportunity to attach themselves to the stamps presents itself. Not that the germs love the stamp sellers' hands less, to be sure, but that they love mucilage more. However-as we said before-the edict has gone forth that the germ-laden stamps. The Post-office Department proposes to stand firm between the customer and these particularly obnoxious and pestiferous micro-organisms, though the heaven themselves fall!

In the meantime, such relatively unimportant things as the postal savings fight it out with Congress as best they indictable offense, however.

The Naval Personnel in Rebellion.

inner recesses of the Navy Department grave. concerning the 100, more or less, naval officers who are described as in a mutinous attitude with respect to the annual physical test. Exactly how many officers are in the class of those who failed to make that annual demonstration of physical considerable number of officers did not take the test in the last calendar year and have not been able to furnish an adequate excuse for their recalcitration. new year stated that officers who did not suicide. He leaves, says a dispatch, 'a

which is like issuing an order that orders says the Providence Journal. Oh, yes; shall be obeyed. In some instances officers have been excused from taking the Entered at the post-office at Washington, D. C. test, notably in the case of an officer whose retirement on account of the test would not have created a vacancy causing promotion, thereby exposing to view on earth of late, nevertheless.

the suspected purpose of the requirement. It would seem that, in the interest of naval discipline, something should be done with a naval officer who fails to obey an order and does not give good and sufficient reason for that failure It ought not to be a problem requiring profound wisdom on the part of experts in naval ... \$6.00 per year administration to deal with these refrac-..40 cents per month | tory members of the personnel

Actress and Poetess.

There may be quibblers who will object to the word "poetess," but in juxtaposi tion to the word actress, we see no rea-Manuscripts offered for publication will son for calling a pretty girl a "poet." use of the word in this connection.

> The Grand United Brotherhood of Inspired Poets, with headquarters in the neither Mr. Roosevelt nor Kermit would prosaic old town named Baltimore, have dare try to smuggle anything through. shown a gallantry characteristic of this profession, and have let down the bars, admitting a captivating member of the fair sex to their charmed circle. The object of this especial favor is Miss Elsie Janis, who appeared before them investigating the committee or the committee Glavis. and individually and collectively charmed the long hairs there assembled. Among those gathered were Prof. Charles W. Moore, the sage of Pimilco; Prof. A. F. T. Stenzy, the bard of aviation; Prof. Theodore O. W. McKee, the muse of conservatism, and Prof. H. Stannard, the electric poet.

Upon being presented, the little actress juoted some of her own verses, as fol-

AN ADIEU UP TO DATE. She raised her eyes of deepest blue And looked right to his heart, Then said, "I'm sorry you must go, But best of friends must part.' He took her little hand in his And kissed its finger tips, Well knew that he could not aspire

To press those ruby lips. And softly said "Farewell! And when the fatal door had closed, The maiden said, "Oh-well!

The applause that followed was tumul nous, simultaneous and soulfully expressive. Monumental Chapter, No. 1 Grand United Brotherhood of Inspired Poets, by unanimous vote elected Miss anti-Bailey speech in the Congressional Record Janis the first poetess. After the elec- There is plenty of new material for an entirely new improvement, except through such im- tion, various members of the brotherhood recited some of their own productions, but we decline to inflict them on our readers. From the Wheeling Intelligencer. cannot visit every section of the District, We have read them, and, while our and, indeed, only by great sacrifice of knowledge of poetry is limited to the se- Rocevelt will cease to be stremous. When he can lections which appear on valentines, those get away from the multitudinous details read at the brotherhood meeting did not partly prepared to believe him. of office work. It is worth while to de- measure up to the standard, and we hope that the poetess will set a good example

> So long as the Madriz forces control the telegraph and the typewriter situations down in Nicaragua, of course the opposition will find real progress difficult.

A New York heiress to \$3,000,000 de-1 the statue. clares she will marry no man short of her "ideal." In fooking about, however, she will find the male contingent genwhen all the facts have been placed be- erally willing to waive for the moment practically any old thing in the way of a asked the lady at the kitchen door. fault she may possess.

> A New Hampshire woman in a suit for divorce declares her husband does "not know the war is over." So Senator Hey burn is not the one isolated exhibit, after

We desire to explain that our primary reason for mentioning Prof. "Matt" Henson occasionally is because everybody else seems to have cut him out entirely.

The Pullman Company is to divide \$20,-000,000. This is one Pullman game the por ters will not get in on.

Do not imagine that every man who goes abroad is a plutocrat. He may be seeking an opportunity merely to enjoy a few American products and comforts

"The song of the first robin is heard in the land," says the Deseret News, Not for any considerable length of time, however; the changes in the weather keep him guessing.

We think, moreover, that it would be a good idea at this time to see to it that the shock-absorbers and things around and about the Outlook sanctum are in first-class working order.

That Harvard professor who advises an imaginary coin to be known as the "dill" probably failed to remember that we already have imaginary coins known as 'easy money.'

"It costs twice as much to get drunk now as it did twenty years ago," says the Charleston News and Courier Meaning the booze or the police court fine, as you please, presumably,

A French count about to wed an American girl protests that he is "not marrying her for her money." theless and notwithstanding, it appears that her father possesses an uncommonly

large wad of the real stuff. "The more those New York legislative bribery cases are stirred the louder they hands of the stamp sellers must not come smell," observes a contemporary. Heaven in contact with the sticky side of the help our olfactory nerves this time next

> The man who finally does discover Dr. Cook is not going to be made a real admiral or voted a pension. Mark that prediction!

Witness Glavis lisps now and then. Nobank and the parcels post will have to body has suggested that this may be an

"A Michigan professor says human souls grow after death," notes the Louisville Courier-Journal. Some men refuse Nothing has been vouchsafed from the to permit their to grow this side of the

> The Senator from Oklahoma is a remarks the Senator from Arkansas. "The Senator from Arkansas is another, and More Democratic harmony!

> Chicago reports the harvesting of the however, in which to frame up an elegant sufficiency of excuses for not lowering the

"A Connecticut man, despondent because

take the test under the Executive re- wife and five children. What a text from quirement would be obliged to take it, which to preach a sermon on cowardice,' and on several other things.

Newspapers inclined stoutly to deny that Dr. Cook ever reached the north pole seem perfectly willing to admit that he has visited practically every other place

"In Philadelphia, reform has sunk to absolute zero," notes the Springfield Republican. Where, no doubt, it feels per

Now that hens may be made to lay Lent?" pink, blue, green, and lavender eggs, we confidently look forward to the rainbow Year's."

One sure way to reduce the postal deficit Congressional Record to everybody who does not want it.

future political platforms will do well to hotel." mean precisely what they say.

Moreover, with Mr. Loeb in charge of the Roosevelt home-coming festivities,

CHAT OF THE FORUM.

Glavis and the Committee. From the Atlanta Constitut It is becoming a matter of doubt whether Glavis is

What the Speaker Hears,

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. By putting his ear to the ground and listening to the political noise of the day the Speaker of the House finds that he is listening to no Cannon bawl.

Taft Retains Popularity. From the St. Paul Pioneer Press. Senator Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, has come out with an indorsement of President Taft. Aside from

that, the President seems to be quite successful i retaining his popularity. Recalls Hobson's Fest.

From the Charleston Evening Post. The maid who kissed Hobson first, as far as the records show, after the Merrimac hero returned from the East, has lost her heart to another. Poor Hobson's fate was worse. He was kissed into Congress. The Democratic Party To-day,

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger, To-day the Democratic party has entire's abar doned its historical position, and the defense of the Constitution and the Union falls upon Republicans of the elder school and those who grew up under serials.

from the Dallas News. Probably Congressman Hardy does not feel unduly epressed over his inability to get his last year's

Congressman Hardy Bearing Up.

E. M. Newman, a famous lecturer, predicts that show us the sun rising in the west and the Ohio River running from Cairo to Pittsburg we will be

Says Roosevelt's Reformed,

Senators and Statues.

From the Petersburg Index-Appeal. Gen. Lee's statue is in the Hall of Fame under the legal right and by the authority of the State of the opportunity to do so. Virginia, just as Daniel and Martin are in the United States Senate. The statue derives its right from identically the same source that the Senators from Minneapolis, where he had a new derive theirs, and it would be no more ridiculous to leg fitted, and he is delighted with it. It advocate their expulsion than it is to ask removal of is the best leg he has ever had, he de-

A Strennous Occupation.

From the Yonkers Statesman "Have you no occupation my man? "Yes'm," replied the tramp; "I'm ; wrestler."

"A wrestler?" "Yes'm; I wrestle with poverty, mum!"

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Clothes for women, coats for women, Hats for women, too; Clothes for women, beaux for women;

Hips for women, trips for women, Timely winter jaunts. 'Tis inhuman to rob woman Of a thing she wants.

A Fresh Start.

A Solution.

"I can't please my family with my maris to prohibit by law the sending of the keting. What one likes, another doesn't." "I know how it is. I have given the matter deep thought. The only way to There is a growing suspicion abroad that der cook and run the home as a family two years after. The operators of these lished in the United States was incorpo-

> down your favorite cherry tree,' "That's a good start toward the Presiington. "Now, split it into rails."

> > Nothing Elevating. Money taiks, seldom balks, Does not flag; But its gas is, alas, Mostly brag.

Contrasting Odors.

s waiting on the doorstep with a bunch of violets. How romantie!" "It might have been romantic," com-

Looks Like Discrimination.

Rift in the Lute.

"The magazines are buying lots poetry nowadays." "Yes," admitted the dialect poet, "but things ain't as they oughter be. The magazines decline to run long poems as

A Leg Every Three Years.

If you were offered \$75 or a new leg new leg or \$75 in cash.

pays all his expenses, including car fare, as satisfactory. sleeper, and meals, to and from the place It seems not to have occurred to Mr. Heyburn that he selects. If he wanted to go to Ma-

Prof. Kirmayer has recently returned clares, or better than any since he lost his real leg down in Georgia in Sherman's Sam?" march to the sea.

Domestic Note.

"When an man gets loaded it's usually his wife who explodes."

Life Insurance Established—February 19.

said to have been established in London in 1583, insuring the life of one William in 1706, with the opening for business in Gybbons for twelve months. This was that city on February 19 of the Amicable underwitten by thirteen persons acting Society for a Perpetual Assurance. This individually; the premium was \$80 per been interviewed so often in this country, is generally recognized as the first life thousand. nsurance company. The rise of life in- Antedating the Amicable Company was surance may be traced to several sources. the Mercer Company, established in Lon-The doctrine of probabilities developed by don in 1600, but this was more or less of a Pascal and Huyghens as to games of private institution, and was conducted chance was applied to life contingencies for the benefit of widows and orphans of by the great Dutch statesman, Jan De subscribers, the members binding them-

nsurance in a London organization, and ence. satisfy a household is to hire a short-or- this was followed by another association | The first life insurance society estab-

above was mutual-that is, each member, Annuities, was chartered in Philadelphia dency, son," responded wise Mr. Wash- without reference to age, paid a fixed in 1812. admission fee and a fixed annual pay- The amount of insurance in force in the of the fund was divided among the heirs tem has grown: United States (including share held by each. In after years the Britain, \$4,426,124,000; Germany, \$1,400,000,limitation as to age, occupation, and 000; France, \$727,637,358; Austria, \$370,621,health was added.

Witt, in 1671, but it was not until some selves to pay 5 shillings apiece to constiyears after that it was applied to life tute an indemnity to be paid on the death of each member. Several London compa-In 1696 there was a hint of modern life nies established in 1720 are still in exist-

two institutions seem to have passed rated in Philadelphia in 1759. It was away without giving to their successors called the Presbyterian Annuity and Life any clear account of their plan of opera- Insurance Company. The first general life company, the Pennsylvania Company The plan of the first association named for Insurances Upon Lives and Granting

ment per share on from one to three various large countries at present shows hares. At the end of the year a portion the wonderful extent to which this sysof deceased members in proportion to the assessment insurance), \$29,809,015,450; Great 530; Scandinavia, \$150,402,801; Switzerland, The earliest policy of which anything \$144,412,854, and Russia, \$62,839,902.

February 19 is the birthday of Nicholas Copernicus, the eminent astronomer (1473); Admiral Lord Rodney (1718); Leonard Bacon, "The Nestor of Congregationalism" (1802); Adelina Patti, noted singer (1843), and Alessandro Volta, to common sense, according to Arthur D. whom we owe the Voltaic Arc (1745). Ohio was admitted to the Union on Feb. Jones, a well-known real estate operator ruary 19, 1803, and the first lodge of Knights of Pythias was formed on the and banker of Spokane, Wash, who is at

LATE ARRIVALS IN THEATERS.

From the Christian Science Monitor. In an ordinance recently passed in Cleveland provision is made that a fine of \$100 be imposed upon any theater manager who permits a patron to take a seat while the curtain is up, the purpose evidently being to prevent late arrivals from interfering with the comfort of those already seated. Whether this ordinance will stand the test of practice remains to be seen. But there is no mistaking the

penalty were imposed. wear an artificial leg, which would you in public or in private, should, if unable choose? Prof. Franz H. Kirmayer, one of to appreciate it for themselves, be taught the teachers in the Bridgewater Normal the lesson that selfishness is unprofit-School, prefers to have a new leg instead able. It is true that the victory gained of cash. He is a veteran of the civil in requiring the removal of hats in the war, and the United States government theater was the outcome of an effort gives him the choice of either having a more or less prolonged, but it was none In addition to this, the government opinion. One can hardly doubt that the where he wants to, and the government ter manners in public places will be just

> He Got the Job, butom the Yonkers Statesman

What were you running for when saw you to-day, Sam?" "I heard of some work, sah." "And did you get the job, Sam?"

"I sure did, boss." "What kind of work did you procure

"Some washing for m' wife!"

From the New York Sun. Knicker-There is room for a new

nvention Bocker-For instance, an alarm clock to strike the psychological moment.

meaning and intent, and no doubt the strength and appears much like his old the people, and should be protected, and ultimate effet will be the same as if the self. The two aged statesmen form Illi- so do the forests, but the people should There is no gainsaying the fact that when it comes to getting there and stayevery three years, provided you had to those who disregard the rights of others, ing there. Senator Cullom has been in not suffer from carrying out the govthe public eye as Representative, gov- ernment's conservation policy. ernor of the State, and Senator, since 865, and is destined to be a national so far to succeed Senator Piles in the figure for some years longer.

Speaker Cannon has been a national Senator Wilson and Representative Poinlegislator since the Forty-third Congress, dexter, both good men. It is really diffithe less decisive as a verdict of public with the exception of one term, and has cult to say at this time who will win. At been Speaker of the House for four any rate, both of these men are publicly gives him the right to secure his leg any- outcome of this recent struggle for bet- terms. He has a fight on his hands to known, and even if there should be other come back, but it is a pretty sure thing candidates, their chances would not be hat he will be with us again.

Though eighty-one years old, Senator dexter. Even though a man's inclina-Cullom is active in committee work, be- tions before entering the polling booth ing chairman of the Foreign Relations may be to vote for the candidate whose Committee, and a member of the Finance name is not as well known publicly as Committee, both of which require time that of the other fellow, he will in nine

t interesting items. One is to and Poindexter, to the detri pay the expenses which may be incurred who are not as well known to the pubin the acknowledgment of masters and lic." crews of foreign vessels in rescuing American seamen or citizens from shipwreck another is to pay the actual ex-

fair to presume that the result of the in- ure, and, if adopted, will hurt the State

Aldrich bill in many particulars, of North Carolina, and Clarke, of Arkan- simple. sas, can be classed as from the South. "President Taft is very popular down in aires.

investigation terminates, no matter which | South, and I believe that 90 per cent of one of the two men is proven to be in those who now subscribe to Democratic the right, one thing has developed in the principles would vote the Republican investigation-a thing that has impressed ticket." itself upon the many attendants at the hearings-and that is the demeanor of "The passage of the river and harbor stand.

The general public did not know that country," said Capt. J. F. Ellison, of there was such a man as Glavis until the Cincinnati, secretary of the National present controversy started, but now he Rivers and Harbors Congress, who is at is a world-wide character, and those who the New Willard. "There are three prohave seen him under direct and cross-ex- visions in the river and harbor bill which amination proclaim him a wonder.

though questioned and cross-questioned waterways of the country. by Senator Nelson, one of the best land lawyers in the country; drawn here and which has been a cardinal principal of there by Senator Root and Representa- the National Rivers and Harbors Contives Olmsted and McCall, all lawyers of gress since its inception. Second, the fixknown ability, yet, through it all, he re- ing of a definite time for the completion mained the same, cool, deliberate wit- of certain well-defined projects which ness, never getting flustered, giving his have been before Congress for years and answers and explanations with assurance have received the indersement of the and fervor.

He has now been on the stand for third, the amount appropriated in the bill cross-examination for part of three days, recently passed by the House, approxiquestioned by the committee, unmerci- mating very closely to the amount for fully quizzed by Secretary Ballinger's at- which the Rivers and Harbors Congress torney, Mr. Vertrees, but he is still the has consistently stood in order to carry same Glavis. Vertrees is being coached on the work of permanent improvements, by Mr. Schwartz, chief of Field Service, namely, \$50,000,000. and Mr. Finney, both government employes. Yet Glavis never swerves.

sometimes twirling a pencil, at others time than the recommendations of the playing with a rubber band, he answers Rivers and Harbors Congress, I believe the questions fired at him in a quiet way, will be entirely satisfactory to the memhis voice never raised above its natural bers of that organization and I feel sure tone. He shows no excitement, nor anger, but rather has a pleased expression, counsel, Mr. Brandels.

Surrounded by such distinguished states-

All in all, Louis R. Glavis is a wonderful and interesting witness.

A Deathbed Confession.

From the Brooklyn Lafe. Stranger-Did you ever reveal your fishing hole to a friend? Angler-Once I did to a friend on his

deathbed

tives to their own government without outside interference." The West believes in conservation, provided it is carried out along lines of good the Raleigh.

"The people believe that they have an inherent right in the water power, the forests, and all other natural resources of their State, and therefore are of the opinion that they should be consulted and their wishes taken into consideration before the government executes its conservation plans, which sometimes withdraw thousands and thousands of acres of valuable land from their midst, thereby reducing the value of property in that Senator Cullom, who was quite feeble neighborhood, without there being neceslast season, has regained some of his sity for it. The water rights belong to nois, Cullom and Cannon, are wonders not be deprived of the benefits which might result to them from these resources

AT THE HOTELS.

"All the political news of England print-

ed in American papers seems to be sup-

plied by Tory sources," said the Hon.

Stephen Coleridge, a prominent lawyer of

London, who is accompanied by Lionel

Arbuthnot. They are at the Shoreham.

The English lawyer was pleasant enough

about it, but he suggested that he had

and that the papers never published what

"If your papers want to get reliable

news concerning English politics," said

Mr. Coleridge, "why don't you get your

information from the Daily News, which

is a government organ, instead of from

the London Times, which is an opposition

paper. The news which appears in the

American papers concerning English af-

fairs are misleading, to say the least. The

Tory news agencies would have the world

believe the Liberal government is com-

pelled to go again before the country be-

fore many months have passed, Nothing

of the sort. The Liberal party will re-

main in power for at least four years, and

"Home rule will be granted to the Irish

people," added Mr. Coleridge, whose

brother is Lord Coleridge, the eminent

English jurist," on the principles as out-

lined by Mr. Asquith during the past

campaign. This does not mean that Ire-

land will secede from the union with

England, but it means that Ireland will

have her own parliament, will attend to

her own internal affairs, and that the

Irish people will elect their representa-

will carry out its promises.

he really did say.

"There are two candidates in the field United States Senate. They are former as good as those of Wilson and Poincases out of ten cast his ballot for the candidate whose name is known. There-The diplomatic bill contains a number fore the chances are in favor of Wilson

T. Ed. Bryan, of Tampa, Fla., who represented Gov. Gilchrist, of that State. pense of renting a prison at Shanghai at the automobile convention here, is at for American convicts in China, and to the New Willard. Speaking of Florida nay for their keeping and feeding. It politics, Mr. Bryan said that Senator also contains provisions for contributions Taliaferro would be re-elected and that to foreign hospitals at Cape Town and if Gov. Gilchrist were a candidate for

re-election he would be successful, "State-wide prohibition in Florida The five Republican Senators appointed seems to be doomed," continued Mr. on the Food Investigation Committee, Sen- Bryan. "All indications point to the ators Lodge, Gallinger, McCumber, Smoot, defeat at the next session of the legislaand Crawford, are regulars and voted ture of the proposed constitutional with the leaders on the tariff bill. It is amendment. It is an unpopular measvestigation will not blame the Payne- from a financial viewpoint. Prohibition, wherever introduced in the Southern Geographically considered, the commit- States, has been a failure. Local option tee has two Senators from New England, would be the proper thing. The people two from Middle West, and one from the ought to have the right to say whether mountain States. The Democratic mem- they want prohibition in their immediate bers of the committee, Senators Simmons, homes. It is a local question pure and

Senator Simmons, however, is from a Florida. He is more popular than Roose-Southern State that has shown protectivalt was. He has made many friends tion proclivities for some time. Senators among Democrats. Yes, they'd vote for Lodge and Smoot are rated as million- Taft or Roosevelt in preference to Bryan, but they would vote the Democratic ticket with any other candidate at the head. No matter how the Ballinger-Pinchot Remove certain local conditions in the

Louis R. Glavis while on the witness bill in the House is gratifying to every friend of waterways throughout the are significant to those who have studied He was on the witness stand for thirty this subject, and especially pleasing to hours during his direct examination, and, the advocates of improving the domestic

"First, the annual feature of the bill, Corps of Engineers of the army; and,

"The period of twelve years as fixed by the bill for the completion of some of the Seated perched up in the witness chair, great projects, while slightly longer in acceptable to the country.

"The comparative ease with which the smiling at times in the direction of his bill was passed and the broad and comprehensive policy which has been laid down through its provisions, I believe men and lawyers as the investigating to be due to the sentiment which the committee and such an array of able tal- National Rivers and Harbors Congress ent, one would suppose that a witness has, in connection with other associations, would occasionally get embarrassed or been largely responsible in creating. The excited. Not so Glavis. He respects his annual feature of the bill is a triumph interrogators, is courteous, but self-reli- for good business methods, and should be so recognized."

Man of His Word.

From Judge. "I thought you told me these lots would double in value in two years, and here's a man offering me exactly what I gave you for them.'

"Yes; but you forget you gave twice as much as they were worth.

fitness has not been made officially finest ice crop ever known. There will be known. It is admitted, however, that a plenty of time before the warm season, summer price. A modified order at the beginning of the of his inability to find work, committed

GIVE HER EVERYTHING.

Any kind will do.

"What are you going to give up for "The same things I gave up at New

As It Happened. "Pa," said little George, "I've chopped tions.

"Look out of the window, Muriel, Ferdy

plained the young lady, "but the minute open the door he'll know we're having cabbage for dinner."

"Why must the artists and actors hog it all?

"I don't understand." "Why can't a hod carrier have tempera-

From the Boston Herald.

From the Birmingham Age-Herald. "I've noticed one thing." "And what is that?"

TWO CENTS.

BY YE LOCAL SCRIBE.

We trust Jim Henry will return

J. Orrin Fields Thursdayed at the

Department of Justice and dined with the department of Wicker-

Dr. H. L. E. Johnson Tuesdayed

Milt Ailes got as far as the Union

Station the one warm day this week, but he struck a wave of cold

thoughts of the storm that was ad-

vertised to come frightened him and he returned to Gloversville. Milt had intended to go up to his

their usual winter jaunts and other

local interest in this issue will necessarily be limited. The Big

varieties of break, Thus it was

readers of this journal of uplift. We give fair warning, however, that they will be on their job again next

Billy Henshaw received so many alentines last Monday that he presented each patron of his "feed rust" with one of them.

Thus, it was necessary that they take a much deserved holiday, in order to quiet their nerves and the nerves of the readers of this journal of uplift.

unmentionable tacks, the items of

farm near Harpers Ferry.

and the article that he hands

at the United States Capitol, Doc

tham one evening this week

to his friends.

THE BIG STICK

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INVENTORS

Cur Motto: If you see it in The Big Stick, it isn't necessarily so. WASHINGTON'S INGENIOUS

EVERY SATURDAY.

Brightest Citizens. D. S. Porter's Idea of a Perfect Telephone - Mr. Callahan's Novel Stateroom-How

Some Bright Ideas by Our

Judge Wright Sails a Boat. The Patent Office Gazette for the current week contains interesting inventions by well-known Washingtonians. The Big Stick hastens to give publicity to these ingenious

Mr. D. S. Porter has patented a to hatch-it. new kind of telephone. It is carried you want to talk to your dearest friend you take the 'phone out of Board of Charities. pocket, whistle three times, and talk. Until the excise law is found most useful after midnight,

invention will enable Judge Wright to reach Blackistone Island n less than a week.

The automobile invented by Joseph each visitor at his home on tha M. Stoddard will soon put all other day with a souvenir hatchet,

Henry Small's device for keeping flowers always fresh will attract wide attention. When the flowers electric pump is started and the G. Washington, that good old man, water is forced through the stems to the blossoms. This continuous At least, that's what the story says, supply of moisture does the trick. The illustrations of the invention show a sunflower looking as pert as an American Beauty.

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HATCHLETS. Everett Rapley says there is no need of his presenting a hatchet as

Owing to the prevailing price eggs, Edson B. Olds can get only one, and then it is up to his hens for him, but he wants a large size ax for the people who knock the

SOCIAL NOTE

Our good friend McKenney, of the

SPEAKING OF GEORGE.

and talk. Until the excise law is Claude Bennett is putting an edge umended, this invention will be on his little hatchet. Claude will cut a melon for his friends at the University Club banquet. devised by D. J. Callahan. It is the meat ax will be temporarily lish overcome fitted with a gyroscope, and whenever the tempestuous waves distilled hatchet. Let everybody take tine's Day. turb the equilibrium of the South-land, the gyroscope revolves and

the staferoom remains absolutely level. The invention will be in use in the near future, and the room has already been engaged by Ross P. Andrews.

Judge Wright has invented a they reached America. Judge Wright has invented a bellows with a gasoline motor, which will be in demand by all persons who navigate in sailing fishing line, the "Shoemaker" said, fishing line, the "Shoemaker" said, fishing line, the "Shoemaker" said, in a sad voice, "I can't tell a false blook, Sam; I did it with my blook the wind saying the sail All hail the 22d of Februar

motor cars out of existence, It has Bush. Wash. will have the visitors a gasoline tank which never runs try their muscle on the underbrush dry, a spark plug which never gets around his farm. dry, a spark plug which never gets out of order, a set of tires which ever go fiat, and an engine which needs no oil. Mr. Stoddard has seen offered a fabulous sum for the revalty rights on this invention, but has decided to keep a good thing

rick.
Although on truth it's shy!
Old G., perhaps, could tell 'em pat
pert
As well as you and I,
But this we'll have to hand to G.: Somehow his yarns got l Read the Bingville Bugle to-morrow. A. K. PARRIS.

COMIC VALENTINES.

Artie Dunn's valentine was nd-engraved, beautifully illustrated descriptions and drawings of some an evidence of his absolute truth- invitation to a ladies' dinner. Dick Oulahan received a valentine that is a valentine a promotion, and a well deserved one, at that

> son who sent him the comic valen-tine entitled "He works while he Charlie Rogan says he will get even with George Winters for sending him a comic of the King of |

> > Merritt O. Chance's green Eng-lish overcoat was brought to his attention several times on St. Valen-W. Clifford Long is looking for the man who sent him that sentithe man who sent him that senti-mental valentine and signed himself E. M. F. Owing to the fact that so many of the contributors to this column of The Big Stick have gone off on

Gus Cook is gunning for the per-

the number of presty, some series of the state of the sta Senatorial pigeonhole.

All valentines received at the city post-office addressed to "Little Eva," with no house number, were sent to Johnny Shriver.

Such as increased so in popularity, and its well-known and highly paid writers have been called upon to do so much study to keep up with the times and the city, that each of the steadies is suffering from nervous breakdown and other Senatorial pigeonhole.

The number of pretty, soul-inspir-

B. H. Warner enjoys good verse they will be on their job again next and is an admirer of prose, but week and the productions of a rested when a new hair restorer is poet-ized and sent him as a comic valen-amuse our many thousand sub-

A METEOROLOGICAL LAY.

Gusty and raw was the morning,

And sleet bespattered the lea,

The mercury hovered near zero,
The day was as punk as could be!
For the Weather Man smug had Warm; even temperature; fair."

SIGNS OF THE TIME. Where are the signs of the yester-

With a smile on his face, oh, so Where is the rakish "Looney Jim," The ancient "Bluffem's plow?" Where are the signs of the yester-They're in the street cars now!

years, On wall, on barn, on fence? Where is the staring, "Use Queer's

And "Brickdust is immens

JOHN L. WEAVER.